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**MARCH SCHLOCKFEST: CAN YOU NAME THIS 1956 FILM ABOUT  
ANCIENT MUSHROOM -EATING UNDERGROUND DWELLERS?**

*Deep Beneath the Earth's Surface, the Darkness Breeds Unimagined Terror*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will screen a film about **modern underground dwellers in ancient Mesopotamia** on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The film is part of the Library's monthly SchlockFest screenings curated by genre film expert Miguel Rodriguez. SchlockFest is a beloved homage to Hollywood B movies, classic cult and camp favorites, and the hokey "comfort food" movies and television we love so dear.

On an archaeological dig in Asia, scientists discover the remnants of a mutant 5000 year old Sumerian civilization living beneath a glacier atop a mountain in Mesopotamia, modern day Iraq including parts of Syria, Turkey and Iran. This film is famous as a fictionalized representation of the hollow earth theory. The role of Elinu, the high priest of the Sumerians, is acted by Alan Napier who played Alfred on the *Batman* TV show. Hugh Beaumont of Ward Cleaver fame in *Leave it to Beaver* plays one of the scientists. For more information about the film, please visit: [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0050197/?ref=fn\\_al\\_tt\\_5](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0050197/?ref=fn_al_tt_5).

Schlockfest curator Miguel Rodriguez is the director and founder of [Horrible Imaginings Film Festival](#) whose mission is to celebrate horror and its various sub-genres by showcasing new and independent artists, as well as reviving classic horror films in San Diego. Rodriguez also hosts the [Monster Island Resort Podcast](#), "the online radio show that goes bump in the night", and which discusses horror in history, art, literature, film, and more. Visit the links at: [www.hifilmfest.com](http://www.hifilmfest.com), and [www.monsterislandresort.org/](http://www.monsterislandresort.org/).

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.gov](http://www.sandiegolibrary.gov).

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